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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 1724
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HAYNS, Andrew)	Examiner: I. Cinting
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Appln. No.: 09/202,500)	Washington, D.C.
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Filed: March 24, 1999)	October 25, 2000
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For: LIQUID AND GAS PURIFICA-)	Atty.Docket: HAYNS=1
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Repyling to the Office Action of September 25, 2000, primarily in the nature of a restriction requirement, applicant hereby respectfully and provisionally elects Group I, presently claims 1-6 and 10-13, without prejudice and with traverse.

The traversal is based on the fact that, while the examiner recognizes that unity of invention rules rather than restriction practice applies, the office action does not recognize that there is a patentable special feature linking the three inventions. The pending claims are not the same as the claims which were subject to the International Preliminary Examination Report. Claims 1-3 are patentable for the same

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reasons as are the claims of Groups II and III, and thus the claims all share the same special feature, which feature applicant believes provides patentability to all of the claims in this application.


Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that requirement be withdrawn and that all the claims 1-17 be examined consistent with the unity of invention rules.

Applicant notes that the PTO has acknowledged receipt of applicant's papers filed under \$119.

Respectfully submitted,

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THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a ☐ Amendment ☒ Reply to Restriction Requirement
in the above-identified application.☐ Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.☒ No additional fee is required.☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS
TOTAL * MINUS	** 20	0
INDEP. * MINUS	*** 3	0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM		

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 9	\$
x 40	\$
+ 135	\$
ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL	
	\$

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 18	\$
x 80	\$
+ 270	\$
TOTAL	
	\$

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

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The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

☐ It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity

Response Filed Within

☐ First - \$ 55.00
☐ Second - \$ 195.00
☐ Third - \$ 445.00
☐ Fourth - \$ 695.00

Month After Time Period Set

Other Than Small Entity

Response Filed Within

☐ First - \$ 110.00
☐ Second - \$ 390.00
☐ Third - \$ 890.00
☐ Fourth - \$ 1390.00

Month After Time Period Set

☐ Less fees (\$) already paid for month(s) extension of time on .☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$.☐ Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$.☐ A check in the amount of \$ is attached (check no.).☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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